

Information on Japanese Courses

URL: <http://japanese.sfc.keio.ac.jp/wp/>

I. Introduction

Aim of Japanese Courses at SFC

Japanese courses at SFC are for international and returnee students. These students can study Japanese regardless of whether their level is elementary, intermediate, advanced, or even superior. We aim to help students improve their Japanese language skills in line with their goals so that they can use their abilities to the fullest as a member of SFC. International and returnee students have different social and cultural backgrounds many ways, and they can act as a stimulus to students who know only Japan.

In SFC Japanese language section, we aim to offer a place where international students, returnee students, TA/SA students and faculty members can learn from one another, and exchange our ideas or thoughts about various topics such as people, languages or culture.

How Can I Register Japanese Courses?

In order to meet the diverse needs of international and returnee students, Japanese courses are set according to the level of Japanese the students are aiming for.

In order to register Japanese courses, students need to obtain “Permission to Register” from the faculty members.

[Steps before Japanese language course registration]

1. Visit the following website to answer the questionnaire.

*SFC Japanese language section web site: <http://japanese.sfc.keio.ac.jp/wp/>

2. Get both ID and Password for Japanese Online Test

3. Finish Japanese Online Test by the designed date.

4. Attend the Japanese Language Course Orientation at the beginning of the semester and undergo Japanese level check tests.

5. Students who are given permission by the faculty member in charge may register the course.

Credits earned from Japanese Language courses can be counted toward the eight Language

Communication credits required for advancing to the next year. Students may also utilize the

Japanese level check test given at the Japanese Language Course Orientation to have their

Japanese language skills assessed.

II. Course Contents

Please note that the contents of courses may change. Please check the syllabus before the beginning of each semester.

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

(Japanese intensive - elementary 1 and 2 are held 4 times a week, and are worth 4 credits each.

Applied Japanese Basic classes are held once a week, and are worth 1 credit each.)

[Fall Semester]

Japanese Intensive - elementary 1: Introductory course for students at the preliminary level.

Japanese Intensive - elementary 2: For students who have completed Japanese_intensive - elementary 1 (approximately 120 hours of Japanese language study). Upper Elementary level.

[Spring Semester]

Japanese Intensive - elementary 2: For students who have completed Japanese_intensive - elementary 1 (approximately 120 hours of Japanese language study). Upper Elementary level.

Japanese Basic 3/4 : For students who have completed Japanese_intensive - elementary 1 or 2.

* We offer Japanese intensive 1 (intermediate) during the spring vacation (mainly in February)

for students who want to take Japanese Intensive - elementary 2 in fall semester and want to take Japanese Intensive 2 (intermediate) in the spring semester.

** We also offer Applied Japanese Basic1 in the fall semester and Applied Japanese Basic2 in the spring semester so that postgraduate students can learn survival Japanese.

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

In Japanese Intensive, students use textbooks to acquire 4 skills, “speaking, listening, reading, and writing”, make presentations on their field(s) of study, and set their own goals in an independent-study class.

(Courses below are held 4 times a week, and are worth 4 credits each.)

[Fall Semester]

Japanese Intensive 1: For students who have completed Japanese Basic 4 (approximately 240 hours of Japanese language study). Lower Intermediate level.

Japanese Intensive 3: For students who have completed Japanese Intensive 2 (approximately 480 hours of Japanese language study). Upper Intermediate level.

[Spring Semester]

Japanese Intensive 2: For students who have completed Japanese Intensive 1 (approximately 360 hours of Japanese language study). Lower Intermediate level.

Japanese Intensive 4: For students who have completed Japanese Intensive 3 (approximately 600 hours of Japanese language study). Upper Intermediate level.

ADVANCED/SUPERIOR LEVEL

Japanese Skill courses are primarily designed for students to develop their academic Japanese skills for study and research at the university and develop their Japanese skills that can also be utilized after graduation. Lower Advanced Level is mainly for students who have completed approximately more than 720 hours of Japanese language study while Upper Advanced Level is mainly for students who have completed approximately 900 hours of Japanese language study. (Each class is held once a week and is worth two credits.)

Lower Advanced Level

[Fall Semester]

Japanese Skill 1A(Reading & Vocabulary): In this class, students will be required to read a short text about Japanese societies, current news and will write essays on related topics from the textbook. There will also be have a chance to learn kanji, grammar, build up vocabulary.

Japanese Skill 1B(Writing): In this course, students will learn advanced Japanese writing skills that their reader(s) will understand easily what they want to convey. Also, they will be required to write essays, so that they will have confidence in their academic writing skills to attend lectures conducted in Japanese.

[Spring Semester]

Japanese Skill 1A(How to take lectures): In this class, students will be taught essential skills to learn effectively from lectures at the university. More specifically, they will learn how to grasp the key points of a lecture or how to take notes by watching short lecture videos. At the end of this course, they will be expected to be able to attend any lectures offered in Japanese with confidence.

Japanese Skill 1B(Reading and writing): In this class, students will be required to read short stories about Japanese society and write essays on related topics. They will also have a chance to practice kanji.

Upper Advanced Level

[Fall Semester]

Japanese Skill 2A(Contemporary society): The goal of this subject is to become able to read newspaper articles and small-sized paperback book about social issues, explain the content clearly and deliver opinions in Japanese. Students are expected to write an academic report and make a poster on the theme related to social issues.

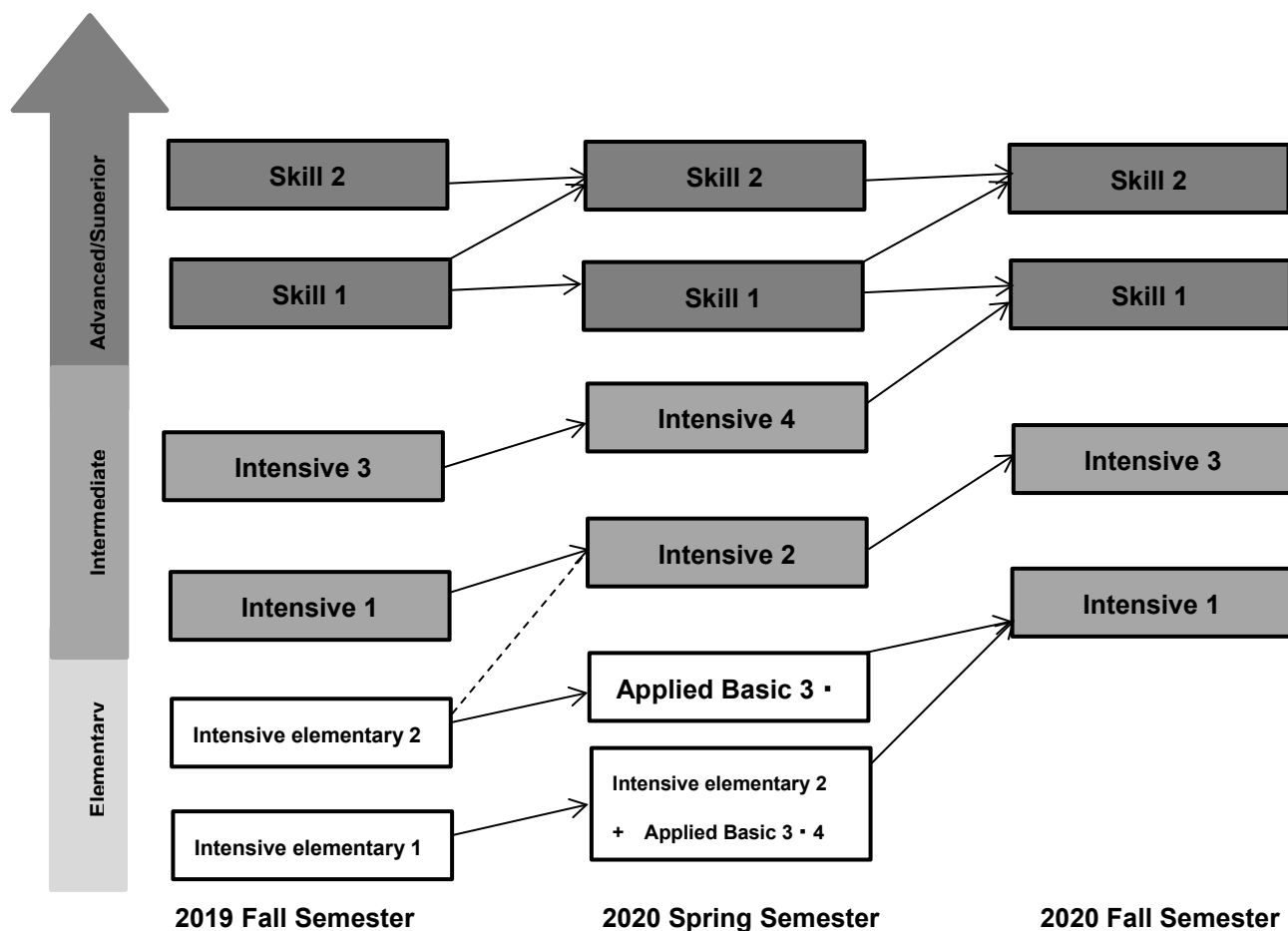
Japanese Skill 2B(Thesis and report writing): This class emphasizes on writing theses and report in Japanese. The lecturer will demonstrate the method of reading/writing which enable students to acquire the necessary forms of written expression.

[Spring Semester]

Japanese Skill2A (Presentation): The goal of this class is to acquire skills to make presentations at general lectures, seminars, and graduation projects. Lecture will cover the slides to presenting.

Japanese Skill2B (Academic Essay): Learn the process of writing a paper in Japanese and work toward acquiring logical writing skills required at the university level.

III. Curriculum Diagram



IV. Faculty Members

Full-time Faculty Members

	Fields of Expertise	SFC Undergraduate Courses
Fumiya Hirataka	Japanese Language Education, German Language Education, Sociolinguistics	Japanese Skill, Communication in a Multilingual Society, Region and Society (Europe and CIS Countries), German Intensive, Seminar
Yumi Sugihara	Japanese Language Education, Intercultural Education, Conversation Analysis	Japanese Skill, Japanese Language Education, Multicultural Communication, Seminar

Project Faculty Member

Takao Tomono (expertise: Japanese Language Education, Refugees Studies)

Part-time Faculty Members

Kai Akiko (expertise: Japanese Language Education, Educational Technology)

Noriko Shimada (expertise: Japanese Language Education, Intercultural Education, Intercultural Communication, Educational Technology)

Satoko Suzuki (expertise: Japanese Language Education)

Takahito Sato (expertise: Japanese Language Education)

Hiromi Hakuto (expertise: Japanese Language Education)

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The Japanese language section offers learning opportunities in several ways. Students who need to acquire necessary Japanese skills for studying at SFC can receive free support from TAs and SAs, whereas TAs and SAs are also given a chance to see their communication skills put those during class activities. Our laboratory has many textbooks and learning materials for students at all levels, and they can be used in our laboratory. For further information, please visit our website. We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

➤ TA=teaching assistant / SA=student assistant: Some TAs and SAs are raised and educated in Japan, whereas others have an international background like you do.

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